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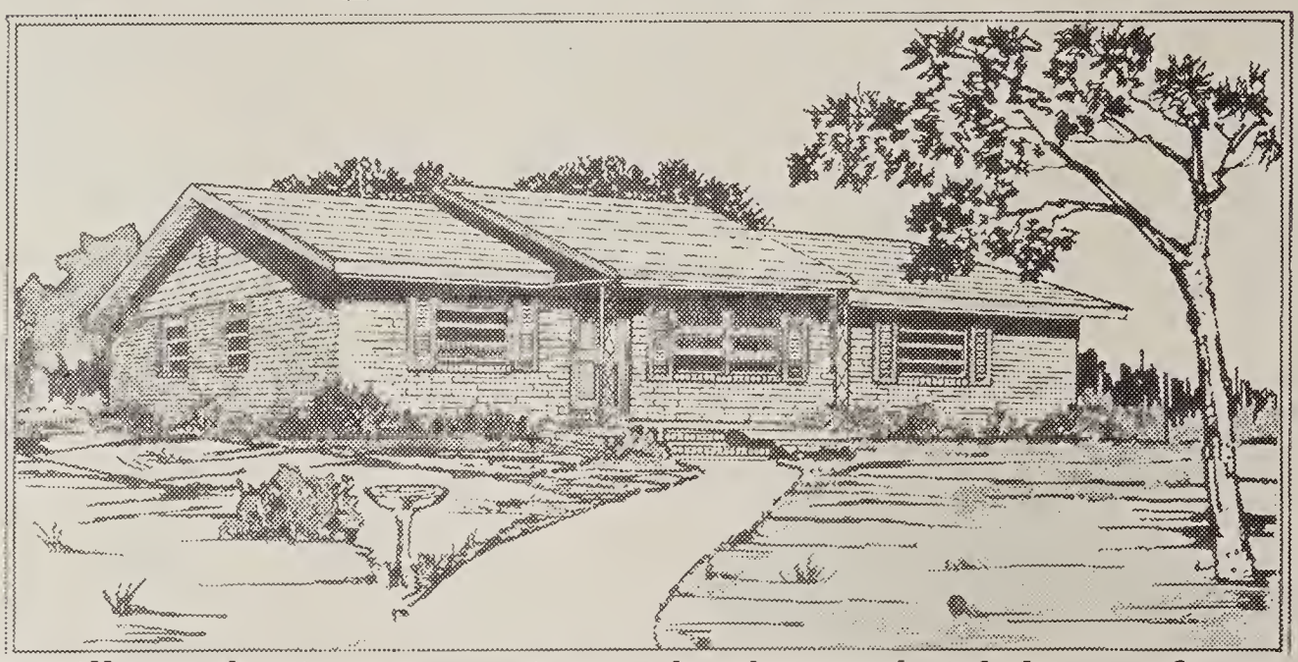

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A 'Day Of Reckoning' Ahead

The Handwriting's On The Wall

The handwriting is on the wall for America's energy future — again.

Only a few years ago, the "handwriting" consisted of two simple words imprinted across the Arab world's harbors: Oil Embargo. The resulting shock waves sent the U.S. into a tailspin of lowered thermostats, reduced speed limits and long lines at gas stations.

Now, it has taken the form of an Iranian script on a blood-stained political edifice in Tehran, as that nation's internal turmoil has cut off the flow of its precious oil to markets abroad — closing the supply line for 10 percent of the free world's total oil production.

For the U.S., the cutoff has meant the loss of about 500,000 barrels a day and the figure may soon rise to 800,000, according to Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger.

In an appearance before the House Energy and Power Subcommittee in February, Schlesinger said the cumulative effect of the cutoff could match that of the 1973-74 oil embargo within five weeks.

The cutoff, he said, is "prospectively more serious" than the embargo because it could last longer.

Before the shutdown in December, Iran provided 5 percent of the U.S. oil supply and only about half of that has been made up by other oil-producing countries.

Editorial

Even so, the secretary believes this country can cope with the shortage through voluntary conservation measures as opposed to mandatory steps such as gasoline rationing and banning Sunday sales of gasoline.

Unfortunately, Schlesinger's crystal ball is clouded by Iran's political upheaval, which has left the world wondering when the flow of oil might resume from th Persian Gulf nation — and at wh level of production.

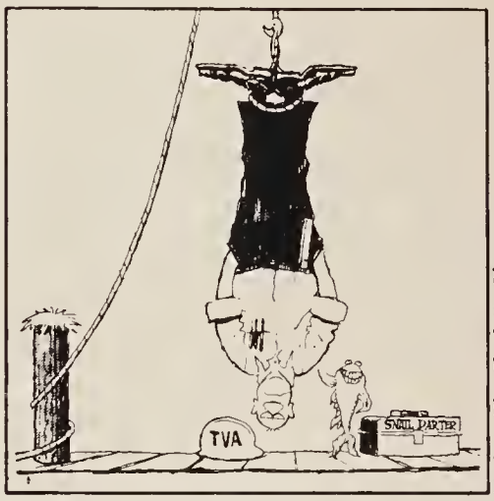
Schlesinger says he doubts th Iranian production would g above four million barrels a da through the 1980s under the be circumstances. That would be 2 million barrels short of its pr cutoff production level.

As a result, even if the U.S. ca avoid mandatory conservatio measures during the current crisi the nation must be prepared t deal with a long-range shortage Iranian oil.

The message in all this oi shortage "handwriting" wa underscored for the Hous Subcommittee when Schlesinge said the situation in Iran is a sign that "the day of reckoning" is nea at hand when world demand of o begins to exceed the supply.

The message, as embodied i the oil embargo, was large ignored after that crisis passed. Th embargo inspired lots of rhetor favoring a course towar American energy independanc but little in the way of nation programs with that objective.

Should it be ignored again aft this new warning, Americans ma find themselves confronted with far more ominous "handwriting message: the forecast of a "day reckoning" for the nation economic survival. □



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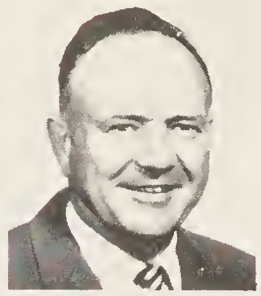

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Section edited by Associate Editor Kemp Ward. Theme art by Anne Gregory.

The Best Man For The Job Might Be A Woman

North Carolina's 28 Electr Membership Corporations don really have any women lineme But they could — if a woman wan the job. Other utilities have p women to work climbing pol and mending lines, and i probably just a matter of time f the cooperatives.

It's no big deal, anymore, reall Women have been breaking dow barriers — real and imagined — f years. Sometimes it takes a lot gumption. Other times all it tak is a strong back.

Women really invaded the jo market in this decade — maki up about 40 percent of the prese work force in America. They' truckers, lawyers, doctor mechanics, teachers, constructi workers, firefighters, poli officers and lots more.

In the following pages are t stories of two North Caroli women who blazed trails in wh was once considered ma territory. And next month's iss will spotlight the story of sev women who help make decisio that determine the course of son of the state's EMCs.

Despite the "trailblazing" a the leaps forward in a once ma dominated world, many wom don't really have it so good. A most working-women are stuck what the North Carolina Coun on the Status of Women calls "lo pay, deadend jobs." In their ru into the job market, women ha grabbed the worst paying, lowe level jobs. That, too, will explored on the following pag and next month. □

Contributed by Frank Jeter Jr., public information officer for USDA-Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina.

Conservation Can Use A Woman's Touch

SCS District Conservationist Miriam G. Bailey talks with Don McLaughlin, park manager of the new Stan-Lee Recreational Park near Sanford, about programs to be offered at the outdoor classroom facility.

Miriam G. Bailey of Sanford holds the title of District Conservationist in charge of Soil Conservation Service activities in Lee County. She's the first woman to hold such a job in North Carolina, although the federal agency has been in business more than four decades.

The Rowan County native has much in common with her colleagues who serve the other 99 counties. She was reared on a dairy farm which was later converted to the production of greenhouse and field tomatoes.

She went to N.C. State University, where she completed a BS in conservation, and joined the Soil Conservation Service in 1974. She was assigned to the Charlotte Field Office for work as a soil conservationist.

In that setting, she was competing with many highly qualified young men and most of her supervisors were men. But, she pulled her weight as a professional with duties which are not in the least traditional for women: writing conservation plans, laying out farm ponds, assisting farmers with conservation practices, such as field borders, terraces and grassed waterways.

In addition, she showed a special interest in working with young people, holding a number of outdoor classrooms and environomental education programs during her three years in Mecklenburg County. Now, nearly two years later, that county still leads the state in outdoor classrooms with 35, as a result of Miriam Bailey's efforts.

Following the work-and-training period, the young conservationist was assigned to Lee County, where she has the key responsibility for carrying out a full-fledged conservation program.

She supervises two conservation technicians — both male — who are skilled at conservation practices, plus a secretary — female — who carries out a variety of office duties.

Again, she is combining professional competence with her own special interest in youth education. When she arrived, Lee County had no outdoor classrooms.

Now it can claim an impressive, new outdoor classroom facility — the Stan-Lee Recreational and Educational Park, which opened last June in an impressive woodland setting that includes a large lake.

Meanwhile, Miriam Bailey helped organize an Environmental Field Day last spring which drew about 700 seventh graders from throughout the County. That, she said, "is only the beginning."

She is also involved in plans for public school teachers to renew their teaching certificates by taking a course in conservation.

"They'll get a lot of field work," she said.

Ms. Bailey has also made a mark in her community for her leisure time activities — including work with Sanford's Footlight Players. She had roles in two of the troupe's recent musicals.

Also, she is active in the Pilot Club, the Audubon Society, the N.C. Zoological Society and the National Wildlife Federation.

She is a council member and vice-president of the N.C. chapter of Soil Conservation Society of America and was named "Young Careerist of the Year" by the Sanford Business and Professional Women's Club.

Contributed by Barry Jacobs of Hillsborough for the column "Facing South."

She Opened Up The Press Box

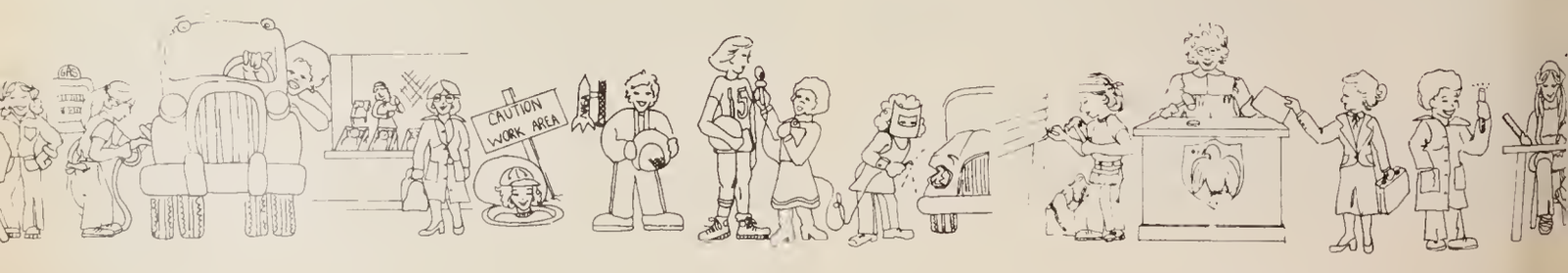
Mary Garber has been a sportswriter since late in World War II, when a dearth of male staffers forced a sports editor to recruit women. "I'm probably the only sportswriter in the world who started as a society editor," smiles Garber, 62.

Although she always wanted "to go into newspaper work," covering the male-dominated world of sports wasn't what she'd had in mind. "At first, it was kind of hairy," recalls the former philosophy student, her eyes hard behind her horn-rimmed glasses. But as long as her beat remained high school sports and minor league baseball, what discrimination she did encounter didn't interfere with doing her job.

Then she was assigned to cover a major college football game and found herself barred from the press box, relegated instead to an auxiliary area reserved for wives and children. "I was trying to cover the game," she says angrily, "while children were beating on the table and the wives were discussing recipes for what they were going to cook after the game. It was awful."

A letter from her newspaper to the president of th university quickly won Mary Garber a place in th press box. Not that a blow had been struck fo women's rights; the issue was strictly one of freedo of the press. "I have been told," Garber notes wit amusement, "that my editor said it wouldn't hav made any difference if they'd sent a monkey."

Mary Garber's troubles performing her job didn end there. Male sportswriters, a chummy lot, weren particularly accepting of a woman in their mids Regarded with condescension and annoyance, "kin of like when a little sister tags after you," it took yea before the diminutive woman in the wool knit ca was treated as an equal. "I think women will alway have to prove themselves," says Garber, who serve as president of the Atlantic Coast sportswriters i 1977. "Women will feel they have to work a lo harder."



The fact that most athletes are males also creates pecial handicaps for a woman sportswriter. With ncreased coverage by radio and especially television, ne nature of sportswriting itself changed around 960, with more emphasis being placed on giving eaders what the electronic media couldn't provide. "You used to go to a game," recalls Mary Garber, and just describe what happened." Now the press ushes to the locker rooms to fill out game stories with uotes from the participants. Until recently, those cker rooms were off-limits to women who, as the me to deadline ticked by, had to wait patiently until eir male counterparts finished their interviews and ayers could get showered, dressed, and come utside. Some teams now allow women into their cker rooms, a privilege Mary Garber, citing "old-shioned" sensibilities, prefers not to accept.

Yet, for all the difficulties she encounters, the *inston-Salem Journal* reporter readily admits, "I'm ry, very happy doing what I'm doing."

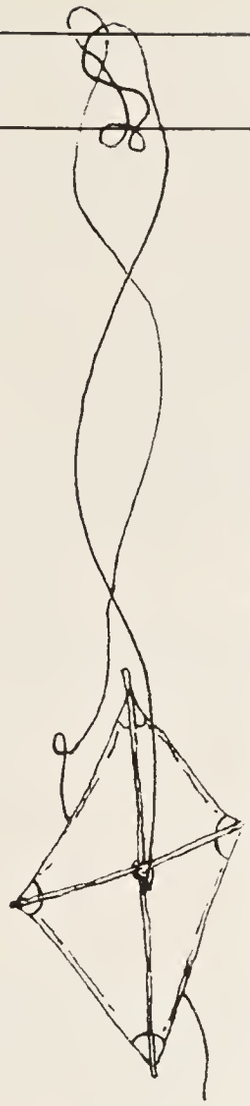
One reason is that through sportswriting she's able dispel misconceptions which she's seen come back haunt athletes in later life. Of the approximately ,000 high school athletes she's watched over the ars, Garber claims only eight have found a place in o sports. "I think the cruelest thing in the world is e dream of pro ball," she maintains, "because your ance of success is so small."

The self-described tomboy, who used to play ckyard football and field hockey, also believes sorts has "a strong influence for good."

She speaks glowingly of attending an international ck meet in Durham several years ago at which letes from round the world mingled with ordinary mericans, exchanging gifts, smiles, ideas. "To me," s Mary Barger, "that was one of the greatest things e ever seen in my life."

As long as there are stories like that to tell, and "so ny interesting people" in sports, Mary Garber ends to be there to write about them. Unless, of urse, she falls prey to yet another prejudice. "I just pe they don't make me retire at 65," she says.

udging from the past, that barrier too will fall ore Mary Garber is through. □



Don't say fire-*man* anymore.

It's a *person's* world.

That's what it seems like more than anything else nowadays. The male imprint on the world is fading.

Life isn't structured into "men's work" and "women's work" much anymore. There's no such thing as a mailman. Now it's "mail carrier." And it's council member, homemaker and humankind. People are saying supervisor instead of foreman a lot of the time, and some say workers' compensation, not workman's compensation.

The change in language is part of a change in perception — something the feminist movement has been pushing — and sometimes shoving — for in the 1970's with the backing of the government. It's ok now to vote for a woman or have a woman supervisor. Women can hold important positions on boards and committees and be expected to contribute.

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NEXT MONTH: A look at seven EMC Directors who happen to be women.

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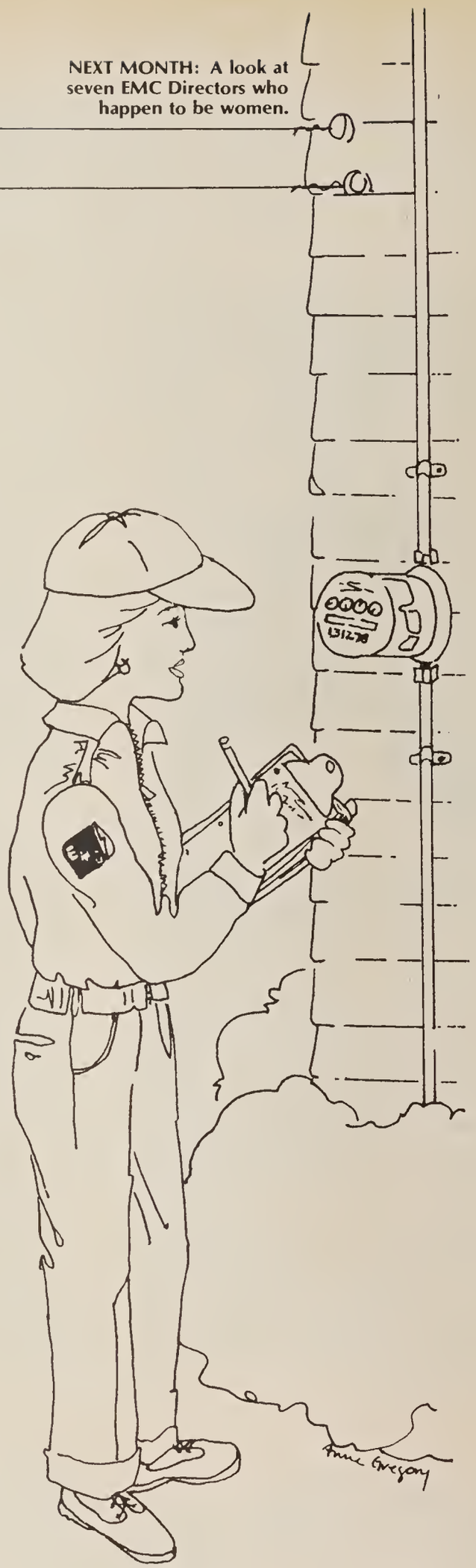
And women can get jobs. Any kind of job they want, almost. They make up about 40 percent of the work force. There's even "Affirmative Action" plans that give the female sex a big boost in industry, business and government.

But when you say, "you've come a long way, baby," don't expect much of a reaction. It's not that women haven't made incredible gains: virtually everyone can see the progress. It's that many feel the momentum is slowing down, and that the gains aren't that super once you go below the surface.

"We're still trying to break the myth that women are working for luxuries, or because they want to get out of the house," said Claire Millar, project coordinator for Work Options for Women, a project of the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women.

And how have women really been doing in the job market? Not really so hot, she says. State records show that of the million women who work outside their home in North Carolina, more than 800,000 are employed in factories or as retail clerks, secretaries and waitresses. Millar said they want better but haven't been very successful in getting it.

Experts agree that women have done a lot to slow themselves down. They simply haven't been ready to grab for more when the time is right. Millar said oftentimes it's hard for a woman to believe she can really compete with a man for a top job. The competative edge isn't pushed into women at an early age, and few have worked toward a goal like that for very long, she said. And it shows. □



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By Jean McCamy

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Daphne Athas of Chapel Hill tells a good tale, but she embroiders it with a poet's pen, an artist's eye for color and detail, a journalist's knack for in-depth reporting, and a classicist's love for story and myth. For North Carolina readers, she even includes some flashback scenes in Chapel Hill, where she teaches at UNC.

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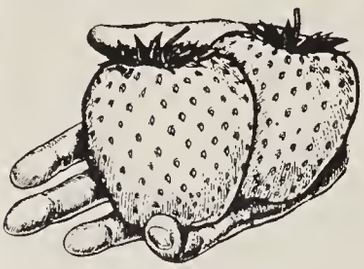

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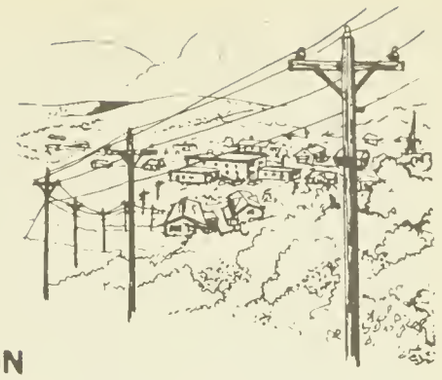

RANDOLPH ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

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Go Fly A Kite... SAFELY!

As the winds of March fan up, it's sually the urge of youngsters to "go a kite." And, of course, it's alright go fly a kite, however, some safety easures should be followed to ake the pastime safe as well as njoyable.

Avoid flying kites near power or lephone lines. Choose an open ld or pasture instead. If a kite ing becomes entangled in a power telephone line, leave it. Call meone experienced to remove it. ver climb a pole to dislodge the e yourself.

Never use fine wire or a string with tal strands, because this can act as round and cause shock if it comes contact with a power line. A dry tton string should be used. Notice said dry, for a cotton string can ld enough moisture to create a ngerous situation if it comes in ntact with a high voltage.

A WORD ABOUT RANDOLPH ELECTRIC

from Bob McDuffie your General Manager

Dear Members:

From the standpoint of interruption of service to our members, this winter and last winter have been the worst that Randolph EMC has experienced in my recollection. During the last half of January, 1978, we experienced two ice storms and a wind storm. This year during the week-end of January 12-14, we experienced an ice storm that was as severe as those last year in some parts of the system but not nearly so wide spread. The dead expense caused by the 1978 and 1979 storms is nearly half a million dollars. It may be that weather patterns are changing to put us in an area where ice will be a constant hazard in the winter time.

Because of the extraordinary outages that we have had this winter and last, I would like to offer some explanation as to the characteristics of our system and our methods in restoring power during major outages.

FOLLOWING SYSTEM DESIGN

The following drawing is a very simplified diagram of a typical substation and its circuits. Randolph EMC has nineteen substations over the system. Eight of these substations are metering points which are served by distribution voltage or high voltage transmission lines belonging to our major power supplier, Carolina Power and Light Company. The other substations are fed by internal distribution voltage or high voltage transmission lines belonging to Randolph EMC. The substation in the drawing has four circuits radiating from the low voltage or secondary bay portion of the station. Each one of these circuits may be up to 30 miles long. If this were the case for each of the four circuits in our drawing, as many as eight hundred members might be served off a single substation. (In reality, some stations serve more, some less.) In our example, if the transmission line feeding the station were to go out, eight hundred members would be without power. I would like to give you some examples of what can happen during an ice storm. We will be dealing primarily with the north circuit out of our imaginary substation, because it has more detail shown.

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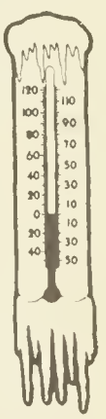

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What Can Happen

Situation 1. Let us assume that a tree falls across all three phases of the North Circuit between the substation and the first line Oil Circuit Recloser (R), near House #3, breaking all three phases (wires). The recloser located in the substation would go through its four operation cycle after which time it would completely shut the power off of all of the North Circuit. If the members were divided equally among the circuits, this would put two hundred members out of power. This situation would cause Houses #1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 to be without power because they are all on the North Circuit. Assuming that no other trouble was present, as soon as the tree was removed from the line, the line repaired, and the circuit re-energized at the station, all two hundred members on the North Circuit would have their power restored.

Situation 2. In this case, let us assume that a similar situation existed as the one in Situation 1, except that instead of all three phases of the North Circuit being out, the tree fell on and broke the "A" phase. In this case, Houses #1, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20 and 21 would be without power. All other houses on the North Circuit and the other circuits would have power. The people in House #1 could see that the power was still on at House #2. The reason for this is that House #2 is served off of "B" phase, which is still energized. The people in House #13 could see that the power was still on in House #12. The reason for this is that House #12 is served off the West Circuit which has no trouble. As soon as the tree is removed from "A" phase and the line repaired, the phase can be re-energized at the station, and power will be restored to all consumers on "A" phase of the North Circuit.

Situation 3. In this case, let us assume that the following things happen in the order listed: a. A tree falls on the "A" phase between the last Oil Circuit Recloser and the tap serving House #7. This causes the recloser to operate and lock open causing power to be lost to Houses #7, 8 and 11.

b. Two minutes later, a tree falls on all three phases of the North Circuit between the substation and House #1. This causes the power to go off to the remainder of houses on the circuit.

c. Ten minutes later, a tree falls on the tap serving House #13, 15, 17, 20 and 21 between the fuse (F) near House #15 and House #17. No one in this area notices anything because the power is already off.

d. Five minutes later, a tree falls on "B" phase between the first Oil Circuit Recloser and the tap that serves House #14, 16, 18 and 19. No one in this area notices anything because the power is already off.

e. Two minutes later heavy winds cause a failure in the transmission line feeding the substation. This causes power to be lost on the remaining circuits (West, South and East). The power is off to all members served by this substation.

f. A tree falls on the service wires serving House #21 breaking the wires loose at the transformer.

This seems like a very complicated situation, and it is. However, it is a very close approximation as to what can happen during an ice storm or a wind storm. In addition to the trouble at this one substation, we may have very similar problems at the other eighteen substations. I would like to explain to you the steps that we must take in order to restore service to the members served by this particular substation.

STEPS TAKEN TO RESTORE ELECTRIC SERVICE

First of all, we can tell from the location of the members calling in to report outages that the entire station is out. We would then dispatch a crew to the substation. They would immediately discover that there was no power coming in to the station and that there is a problem with the transmission line feeding the station. This problem must be corrected before anyone being served off of our imaginary substation can have their power restored. Let us assume now that the problem has been located and repaired. Now we have power to the substation. This should restore power to the members on the West, South and East Circuits.

The members on the North Circuit are still without power. When our crew goes into the substation again they find that the Oil Circuit Reclosers protecting the North Circuit have operated indicating a problem between the station and the first set of Line Oil Circuit Reclosers. The crew then will patrol the line starting at the station. They will discover the tree across "A", "B" and "C" phases, cut it off the line, and repair the lines. They will then either go back to the station or radio a person stationed there and re-energized the three phases. This will restore the power to Houses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 13 and 15. At this point, the crew will go to the first set of Line Oil Circuit Reclosers and discover that the recloser protecting "B" phase has operated and locked open but that the other two have not. This indicates a problem beyond that recloser. On patrolling the line further, they discover the tree on "B" phase, remove it, and repair the line. They will either go back to the recloser or radio someone there to re-energize "B" phase. This will restore the power to Houses #14, 16, 18 and 19.

The crew will then continue to patrol the main line. When they get to the last line recloser, they will find that it has operated and locked open indicating a problem beyond that recloser. As they patrol the line further, they find the tree near House #7, remove it, and repair the line. They then radio back to someone standing by at the recloser to re-energize the line. This restores the power to Houses #7, 8 and 11. As you recall, these houses were the first to lose power.

At this point, a logical assumption can be made that power has been restored to all of the members served by this substation. In fact, we can see that power has been restored to 797 members, but three remain without power. Now a decision must be made as to whether to have this crew check every house served by the station or to move to another area where another 800 members are without power. Obviously power cannot be restored to Houses #17, 21 and 21 until two more trees are cut and the line repaired.

Major System Damage

It is impossible to put on paper all of the events and activity that you

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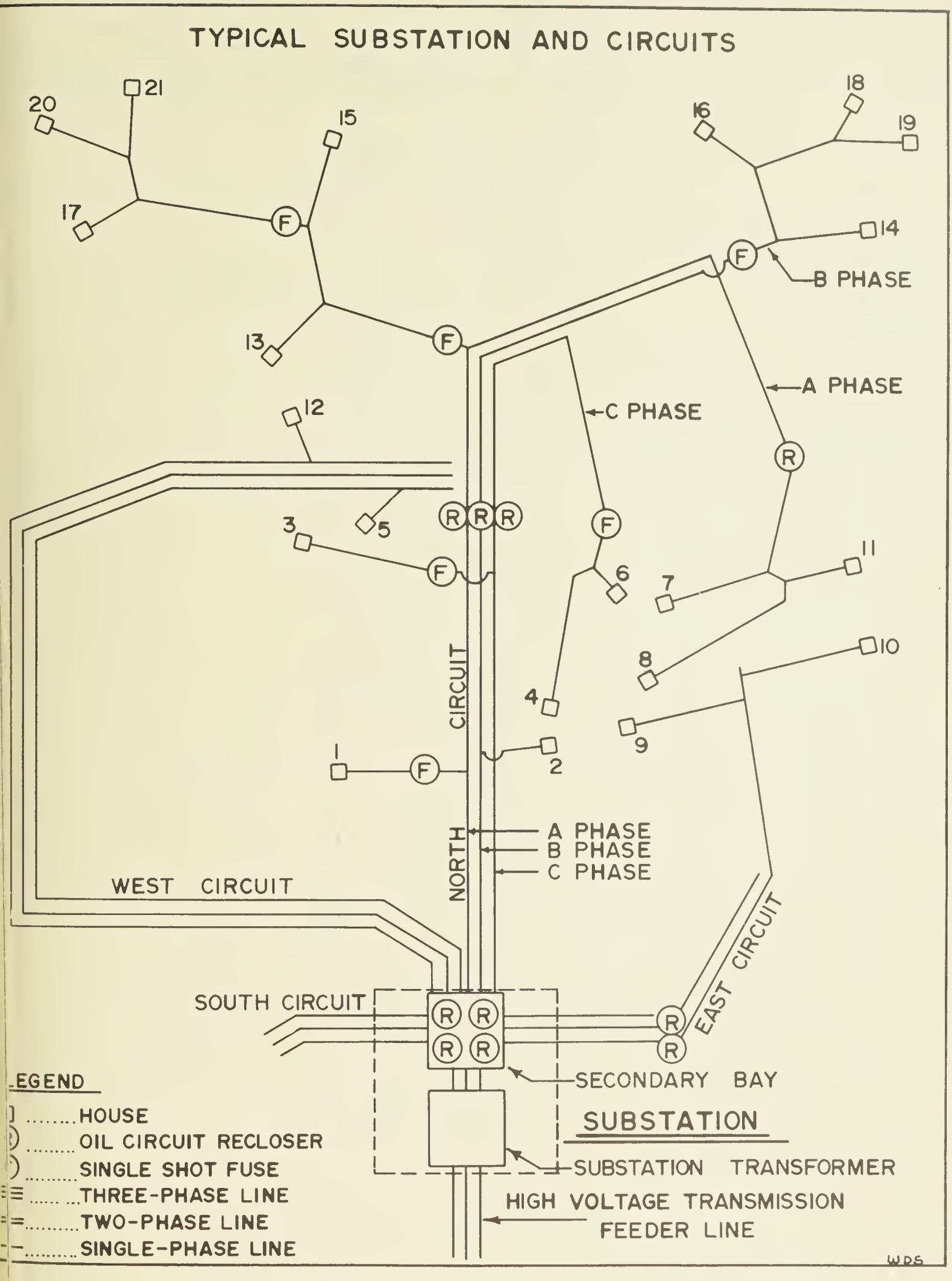
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HOUSE
OIL CIRCUIT RECLOSER
SINGLE SHOT FUSE
THREE-PHASE LINE
TWO-PHASE LINE
SINGLE-PHASE LINE
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employees are involved in during a major storm such as the ice storms of this year and last. Generally, here is the sequence of events that occur when a winter storm warning is announced by the U.S. Weather Service:

1. I contact our statewide organization in Raleigh, which coordinates assistance to Cooperatives most adversely affected, to make preliminary arrangements for help if conditions dictate.

2. Colon Auman, Manager of Operations, Street Morgan, Construction Supervisor, and Doyle Stout, Manager of Engineering Services, coordinate the arrangements to see that our crews are ready with the proper protective clothing and equipment, that all vehicles are full of gas, and that each truck has adequate material to be used in repairing damage.

3. C. M. King, Manager of Office Services, schedules the office personnel in around-the-clock shifts to provide personnel to answer phone calls that come in.

4. Judging by the number of phone calls that come in and the amount of the system that is affected, I make the determination as to whether or not to call in crews in addition to the Randolph EMC personnel. My judgement must be gauged in two ways—(1). action that will get the power back the quickest (2). the cost involved.

5. As trouble calls begin to come in, we dispatch our crews and local contractor's crews. If the situation is serious enough, we dispatch crews from other Cooperatives and contractors in other cities. When we get crews from other areas, we send one of our own employees with these crews to guide them and assist them. This gives us radio contact with all crews at all times.

6. We start repairing damaged lines with the goal of trying to restore power to the greatest number of our members in the shortest period of time. Usually our crews will work through the first day, first night, second day and until about midnight of the second day without sleep. Then they will come in and sleep for about four or five hours and go to work again at daybreak. Generally, we will have everything repaired by midnight of the third day. If not, we let the crews get another four to five hours sleep and go to work again at daybreak.

POWER OUTAGE SUGGESTIONS

Let me make some suggestions as to what members can do and should not do during periods of severe storm damage.

1. **Do** call in to the office on the regular line, 625-5177, if you experience an outage, because employees will be at the office to answer the phones. If possible, give the person that answers the phone the twelve digit location number that appears on your power bill, the name that your power bill is in, whether or not your neighbors are out of power, and the location of trees on the line or lines down on the ground.

2. **Do** tune in to local radio stations on battery operated radios.

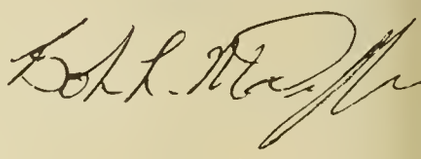
3. **Do not** open refrigerator and freezer doors to check on food. Most freezers will keep food safetly for from 48 to 72 hours if unopened.

4. **Do not** stop our crews on the road unless you feel that you have valuable information for them. The crews are assigned to specific circuits for safety purposes and they cannot move to other circuits without specific instructions from the office.

5. **Do** call back in to the office if you see that your neighbors have lights, but you don't. It is possible that you are served on a different phase or circuit and that your power will be restored as soon as that phase or circuit can be repaired. It is possible, though, that the problem is in your transformer or your service wires.

I never cease to be amazed at the enthusiasm and stamina displayed by your employees during these times of emergency. In these situations, they always perform in almost superhuman fashion. The problems that arise in restoring power to 5,000; 10,000; or 15,000 members spread out over 2,500 miles of line, much of which is through wooded areas, is really a tremendous task, and in my estimation, no utility does a better job of coping with major trouble than your employees at Randolph EMC. I would also like to pay tribute to you, the members, for your cooperative attitude in these situations. This has helped more than you know.

Cooperatively yours



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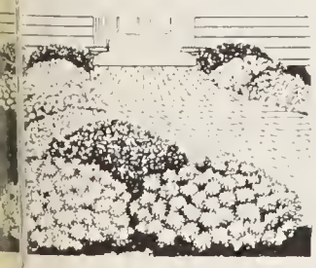

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COUNTRY KITCHEN RECIPE
Submitted by Mrs. Jerry M. Savage

PORK PONE PIE

1½ lbs. ground pork
1 medium onion, chopped
1½ t. chili powder
1 t. salt
1 can (16 oz.) tomatoes
1 can (15 0z.) pinto beans
1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
½ c. raisins
2 t. sugar
Cornmeal Topping*
½ c. shredded Cheddar cheese

Lightly brown ground pork and onion in large frying pan. Pour off drippings. Sprinkle chili powder and salt over meat. Add tomatoes, pinto beans, tomato sauce, raisins and sugar and cook slowly 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Prepare Cornmeal Topping while meat mixture is cooking. Stir cheese into hot mixture and turn into 2-quart casserole. Drop topping by tablespoonfuls on top of meat mixture to make 6 biscuits. Bake in hot over (425° F.) for 15 minutes. Can use more pinto beans if desired.

***Cornmeal Topping**

1 c. cornmeal
2 T. flour
2 T. sugar
2 t. baking powder
1 t. salt
½ c. milk
1 egg, beaten
2 T. lard, melted

Combine cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in milk, beaten egg and melted lard.

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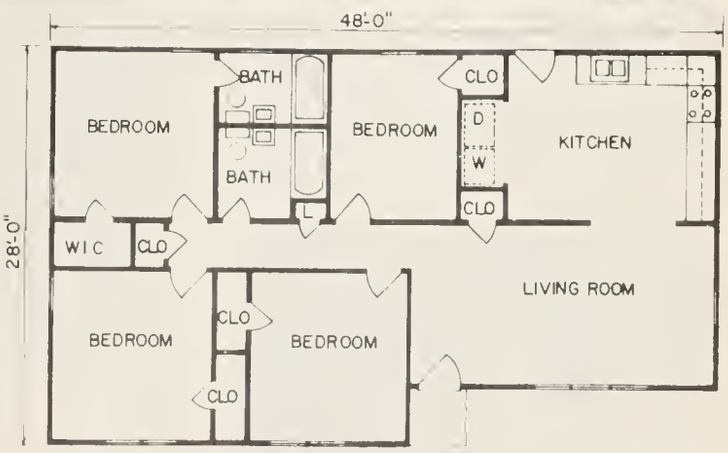

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Says Farm Credit Official

Farmers Need "Credit Soundness"

Financial experts are "cautiously optimistic" about the prospects of a good year for farmers in 1979, especially since farm prices are expected to hold up and interest rates may taper off by mid-year.

That observation came from C.W.S. Horne, president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S.C. and the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, as he addressed a group of about 400 at the Cooperative Council of North Carolina's 44th annual meeting Jan. 24 in Raleigh.

But strict attention should be paid to good financial planning, and the farm credit system should concentrate on "credit soundness," or the farmer could be in trouble, he said. Too often in the past, loan programs such as government subsidized programs have spurred some poor borrowing decisions.

"In these days of soft credit, easy credit and high interest rates, the future of farmers may lie in the hands of their credit specialists far more than many of us realize," he told the group. "It is an absolute fact that if we allow our members to become overburdened with the wrong kinds of credit, they will not likely survive in farming, and if they survive, they will surely experience far less profitability."

Cooperative leaders representing 83 cooperative organizations also heard from Ken Naden, a lobbist for farmers, and James Hubbard, executive vice president of the statewide EMC organization.

Naden, president of the National Council of Farm Cooperatives, said he is fighting a recent study commission recommendation to remove the exemption from federal anti-trust laws that cooperatives have long enjoyed.

That would be "extremely harmful" to farmers, he said. "This is a low blow — we term it a low blow — to the family farm system," he said.

Naden also had harsh words for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the government agency which decides utility rate disputes. The commission is not easily swayed by political pressure, he said.

"They don't run for office. They are appointed by the president for long terms, and, believe me, they are vastly more independent — vastly more dangerous."

Hubbard explained his organization's efforts to produce its own electricity by buying into nuclear power plants being built by Duke Power Company and Virginia Electric and Power Company.

It's going to be expensive, but experts expect it to pay off in the long run, he told the group. An agreement with VEPCO is "well along" and a similar agreement with Duke is close, he said.

"It's a very important beginning," he said.

James Walker of Randleman, manager of Dairyman Incorporated's Carolinas District, was elected Council president for 1979, succeeding Graham Rogers of Graham. Cliff Smith of Raleigh, vice president of FCX, was elected first vice president and Hubbard, second vice president. □

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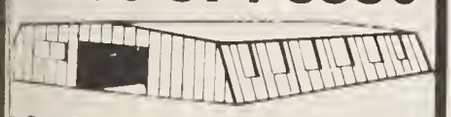

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Larry Henderson, a Burgaw hardware dealer, found a niche in N.C. Agricultural Extension Service history recently when he placed the 100,000th call to Teletip, the service's statewide telephone answering system. The milestone call was made on Feb. 5, when Henderson called for information on using organic mulches. "I've called Teletip several times. You can't beat it for getting information right on the spot," he said.

Teletip offers recorded information on 762 different home and garden topics. Directories listing the topics are available from county extension offices or by calling the toll-free Teletip number, 1-800-662-7301.

SREMCo Meet March 29

South River Electric Membership Corporation, Dunn, will hold its 39th annual membership meeting March 29 at Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville.

Entertainment by the Four Clefs Quartet will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the business session to start at 8 p.m. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

At the meeting, elections will be held to fill three posts on the EMC's Board of Directors. The terms of Francis Clifton of Rt. 1, Faison, Ralph Johnson of Rt. 1, Roseboro and Charles Collier of Rt. 1, Linden are expiring.

Conservation Tree Planted

When the "Conservation Tree" was presented to the nation in Washington Feb. 11, the state of North Carolina was represented by a sample of Goldsboro loamy sand, dug from a farm in Eastern North Carolina.

The tree — a 20-foot Green Mountain sugar maple — was planted near the Jefferson Memorial on the Potomac River using soil samples from each of the states.

Ralph C. Tucker of Greenville, president of the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, led the Tar Heel delegation attending the ceremonial planting.

Agriculture Yearbook Out

Living on a Few Acres, the newly published 1978 Yearbook of Agriculture, offers practical guidelines for country living and part-time farming. The 472-page yearbook, published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, includes articles on acquiring the right spot, improving the land, selling the property and raising various crops.

Copies of the book are available for $7 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Ask for stock number 001-000-03809-5.

Ground Broken For School

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green and House Speaker Carl Stewart joined Chancellor Joab Thomas Feb. 7 in breaking ground — through the snow — for N.C. State University's School of Veterinary Medicine.

In dedicating the site for the new school at the NCSU Dairy Farm on Hillsborough Street, Chancellor Thomas said, "This school will pay for itself again and again," adding that the $33 million facility will serve the state's $1 billion a year livestock industry.

Also on hand for the groundbreaking were several members of the General Assembly; Dr. Terrence M. Curtin, dean of the school and representatives of the trustees, faculty, students and the state veterinarians association.

Youths, Family Honored

Steve Nichols of Sparta, Debra Young of Grassy Creek and Lynn Ferguson of West Jefferson received citations Jan. 24 from the North Carolina Cooperative Council as outstanding youth for 1978.

In addition, the Ronnie Boger family of Cabarrus County was cited as the state's outstanding young rural family.

The winners received their awards at the Council's annual meeting in Raleigh. (See Page 16 for related story.)

Nichols and Miss Young, both 17, were sponsored by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir. Miss Ferguson, also 17, was sponsored by the Ashe County Agricultural Extension Service.

Nichols, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nichols, is a senior at Alleghany High School. Miss Young, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Young, is a senior at Northwest Ashe High School. Miss Ferguson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ferguson, was ranked first academically in her graduating class at Beaver Creek High School.

The Boger family helped organize the Cabarrus County Pork Producers Association last summer and Ronnie was elected president. They were named "Outstanding Young Farm Couple" by the Young Farmers and Ranchers in 1977.

Wake EMC Sets Meeting

Wake EMC, Wake Forest, will hold its annual meeting March 23 at the Wake Forest-Rolesville Senior High School. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., with the business session at 7:30 p.m. In addition to reports from Manager Douglas Leary and President John Ferrell, co-op members attending will hear a report from James Hubbard, vice president and general manager of the statewide EMC organization, on efforts by the EMCs to purchase portions of nuclear power plants being built by Duke Power Company and Virginia Electric and Power Company.

Entertainment will be provided by The Young Generation Singers from Rolesville Baptist Church.

Three members of the Board of Directors will be elected. The terms of J. Howard Conyers of Rt. 1, Franklinton; Dan E. Woody of Rt. 3, Oxford and Newman Bailey of Rt. 1, Wake Forest, are expiring.

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We implore for every living thing on this Earth that nuclear energy not be pursued until it is truly safe to use. Not only safe for the immediate consumer or for the local employee but also safe from migrating poisons through the water tables, land, etc.

We think it is totally irresponsible to advocate nuclear energy use when tons of waste are seeping into the land only yards from the Columbia River, for example. There are many more examples, but please be aware when you say this source of energy is our best hope for the future, that escaped waste products can remove any hope of a normal future!

P.S. Since our money goes to support this magazine, could you have pro-nuclear power people write the "pro" articles and those who are adversaries of nuclear power write the other side of the issue?

Gene and Suzanne Anest
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Congratulations to the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives for making it possible for EMC youths to participate in a symposia at the Smithsonian Institute. We are so pleased that attention and concern is being given to our gifted and talented students in our schools. This symposia will challenge and stimulate the minds of our most valuable resource: our gifted students.

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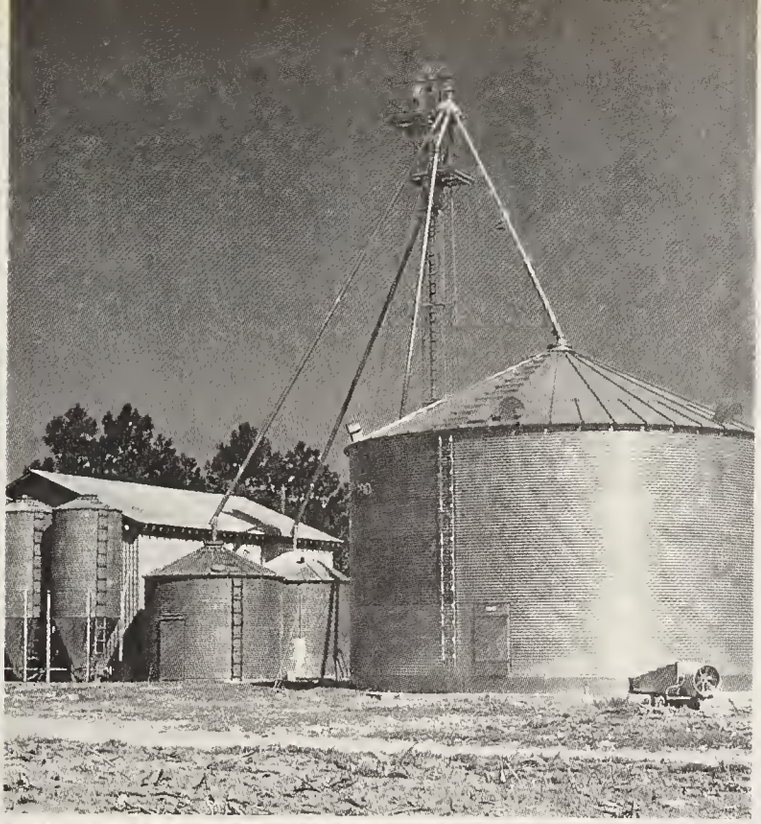

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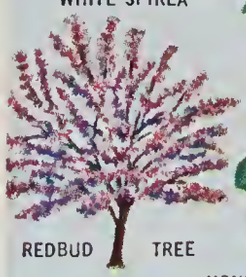
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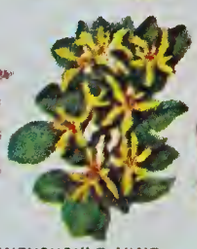
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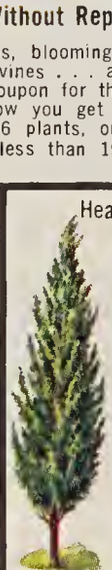

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